

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 1pmIVSkdFH

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1001394.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 14 October 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The computer image file printout explicitly depicts a well known child cartoon character engaged in sexual activity with an adult character. Despite the image's obvious crude parody, it still normalises the idea that sex involving children is acceptable as entertainment. As such, it tends to support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, and is deemed objectionable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which fall under the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 will be deemed objectionable. The classification is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable young children from exploitation.